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Abstract

Background: In the United States, significant disparity exists in the treatment of Childhood attention deficit disorder (ADHD) across a variety of demographic and geographic planes. Although current guidelines recommend a combination of pharmacy and behavioral/psychotherapy, present research provides evidence that many children receive pharmacological treatment alone to resolve symptoms.

Objective: To explore what research has been conducted regarding the use of a combination of pharmacological and behavioral/psychotherapy approaches to resolve symptoms of ADHD.

Methods: This integrative literature review was conducted using keywords “Attention deficit and hyperactivity disorder (ADHD), alternative therapy, treatment disparity, and pediatrics” to search the literature between 3/15/2017 and 4/15/2017.

Results: Result supports that non-pharmacological approaches such as yoga provide a significant improvement for treatment of ADHD.

Conclusions: This study found that use of non-pharmacological interventions such as family psychoeducation was correlated with improved symptoms for children who have ADHD.

Keywords: Attention deficit and hyperactivity disorder (ADHD), alternative therapy, treatment disparity, pediatrics.